

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity and new large fires were reported in the Northern California, Northwest and Southern Areas. Minimal initial attack activity occurred elsewhere. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized air tankers, helicopters, infrared aircraft, a lead plane, crews, radio equipment, engines, caterers, showers, meteorological equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, and Arizona.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. An Area Command Team (Denton) has been assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is transitioning with a replacement Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman). Another Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) has been ordered, and will begin transitioning with the Type II Team (Weltch) today. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram and Onion fires. Hot spots and reburns on the Onion Fire continue to challenge control lines. Improved weather conditions allowed crews on the Megram fire to make progress on containment of the slopovers that occurred on the west side of the fire during the wind event on Monday. Firelines on the south, east and north are holding, though the fire still burns actively. Structures, key watershed and fisheries continue to be threatened.

LITTLE, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ratliff) is assigned. The fire is 24 miles northeast of Weaverville, CA. No other information was received.

GUN 2, Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Johnson) and the U.S. Forest Service (Madden) is in place. The fire is 20 miles east of Redding, CA. The fire has burned through the northern portion of the Ishi Wilderness. It continues to spread south of Mill Creek, burning actively near Panther Springs Guard Station. Approximately 54 homes in the Boon Docks and Panther Springs areas are threatened. Some evacuations have taken place. Steep and inaccessible terrain is hindering control efforts. The fire has burned 4,000 acres of private land and 19,000 acres on the Lassen National Forest.

RUMSEY, Lake Napa Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. The fire is near Highway 16, about five miles north of Rumsey. The fire is moving south toward Blue Ridge through dense brush in steep terrain. Containment is expected today.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	82873	51	UNK	1877	55	42	13	0	NR	28.4M
LITTLE	CA	SHF	190	20	UNK	200	7	10	4	0	NR	NR
GUN 2	CA	TGU	23000	10	UNK	1285	45	105	11	0	NR	NR
RUMSEY	CA	LNU	1200	80	9/30	380	16	10	6	0	NR	NR
LODOGA	CA	LNU	145	100	---	52	1	4	0	0	NR	NR

RCC = Coast Cascade Region, California Department of Forestry

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

HE HE, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. The fire is 16 miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. The fire was caused by a prescribed range burn which escaped during high winds. It crossed Highway 26 and is burning east in conifer, sage and grass. Two historic buildings were lost during the initial fire run. Current threats are to 50 homes, plus the community of Kahneeta, three miles north of the fire. Challenges to containment include spotting and inaccessible terrain. State Highway 26 is closed temporarily.

REPEATER, Siskiyou National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The fire is burning in a timber reproduction unit six miles northeast of Brookings, OR. Crews worked to establish a safe anchor point on the northeast side of the fire yesterday. Current threats are to cultural sites, a repeater on Mt. Emily and the Wheeler Creek Research Natural Area.

AUSTA, Oregon Department of Forestry. The fire is burning 30 miles west of Eugene, OR in slash, decked logs and standing timber. The fire burned actively all day yesterday, but higher relative humidity aided suppression efforts. Structure protection is in place. Logging equipment and felled timber have been destroyed.

OH BROTHER, Olympic National Forest. The fire is 20 miles southwest of Quilcene, WA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HE HE	OR	WSA	5000	20	10/7	60	3	8	1	2	NR	20K
REPEATER	OR	SIF	640	0	UNK	241	9	0	4	0	NR	NR
AUSTA	OR	ORS	650	0	UNK	180	3	14	9	0	NR	NR
OH BROTHER	WA	OLF	203	70	9/29	3	0	0	0	0	NR	389K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to the Kirk Complex North, which includes the

Tassajara, Five and Mountain fires. Moderate fire spread occurred yesterday on the north side of the fire. Current strategy is to use the upper Carmel River, above the Los Padres Reservoir, as a control line on the north end.

A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned to the Kirk Complex South, which includes the Hare and Kirk fires. The fire continued to make strong runs yesterday, with periods of intense burning due to high temperatures and low humidities. The fire is moving on three flanks, with the north and west flanks being the critical areas. Approximately 1200 homes ahead of the fire and in the area between Vincente Creek and Devils Canyon are threatened. Structure protection is in place. Additional areas of critical concern include threatened and endangered species habitat.

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KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	62635	34	UNK	2706	73	125	28	0	NR	34.6M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BULLOCK, West Texas Counties, Texas State Forestry. This fire is north of Ranger, TX. Strong north winds caused the fire to escape control lines yesterday, adding about 10 acres to the fire area. Retardant and helicopter bucket drops contained the escape. Control problems include steep terrain, extremely dry fuels and continued strong winds. The current threat is to ranch land.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BULLOCK	TX	WTS	150	90	9/30	28	0	5	2	0	NR	70K
TELLICO COMPLEX	TN	CNF	200	100	---	139	4	4	1	0	NR	375K
H. R. RANCH	TX	WTS	100	100	---	5	0	2	0	0	NR	56K

CNF = Cherokee National Forest

OUTLOOK:

High pressure centered over Colorado and a thermal low pressure system over interior California and Oregon will continue to produce light to moderate east winds in most areas west of the Rocky Mountains. Temperatures will be warmer, with highs in the 70's in the Cascade and Sierra Nevada ranges, and highs from 80 to 95 degrees in interior California and southern Nevada.

There is a slight chance of afternoon showers along the Canadian border. Northeastern Idaho and Wyoming will be partly cloudy. Elsewhere in the

west, the forecast is for mostly sunny skies. Relative humidity will be slightly higher, in the 10 to 25 percent range in most parts of the western United States.

The Gulf states will be sunny and drier, with northern Mississippi becoming much drier. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the northern part of the Gulf states and in the lower 80's near the coast. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 50 percent throughout the Gulf states.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	5	3			6	3	17
	ACRES	2501	131			454	401	3487
CA-NORTH	FIRES					23	6	29
	ACRES					11352	23859	35211
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2			6	6	15
	ACRES	0	50			16	13197	13263
NORTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		4			2	1	7
	ACRES		7			1	0	8
GB-WEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						4	4
SOUTHERN	FIRES					42	1	43
	ACRES					331	2	333
TOTAL	FIRES	6	9	0	0	80	21	116
	ACRES	2501	188	0	0	12154	37463	52306

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	395	0	482
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277788	0	1020440
NORTHWEST	FIRES	362	424	18	59	1767	1434	4064
	ACRES	15817	30447	44617	188	13746	6881	111696
CA-NORTH	FIRES	145	57	7	31	3034	1111	4385
	ACRES	216	24710	33	132	78355	243158	346604
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	72	146	9	55	3013	944	4239

	ACRES	1636	6542	12	13953	34122	160636	216901
NORTHERN	FIRE	534	60	19	12	857	1346	2828
	ACRES	6847	3857	178	2	49659	6105	66648
GB-EAST	FIRES	62	788	1	24	363	685	1923
	ACRES	8745	448366	1	38	40080	6334	498695
GB-WEST	FIRES	33	674	3	5	93	220	1028
	ACRES	818	1536352	116	3	25711	16196	1579196
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	766	1495	3260
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	12094	122283
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	412	36	49	966	272	2275
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	52	51774	3765	78710
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15226	368	16194
	ACRES	2947			813	97055	4704	105519
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		71	103	34262	1160	35632
	ACRES	667		21656	11155	649803	47835	731116
TOTALS	FIRES	3104	2727	205	497	60742	9035	76310
	ACRES	59732	2392398	352762	182679	1387398	507708	4882677
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65257
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2854496

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						23	23
GB-EAST	FIRES				0		6	6
	ACRES				100		2280	2380
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		200					200
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						25	25
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	7	9
	ACRES	0	200	0	100	0	2328	2628

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				3			3
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						80	80
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				12			12
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	15	0	80	95

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	5	27	16	42	2	14			108	71
CA-NORTH	49	89	68	207	8	31	7	6	359	429
CA-SOUTH	27	48	66	71	31				304	412
NORTHERN	5		11						3	
GB-EAST	4		19	2	4					
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	2		12						23	
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN				5					3	29
SOUTHERN	13		4	6	3				55	3
TOTAL	105	164	196	333	48	45	7	6	855	944

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